

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

I find it truly frightening that our media is losing its cherished place in American life. It is disheartening to contemplate the possibility that one single source could own the media here in Houston, or in any other part of the land. Does this promote "stronger incentives to provide diverse formats, programs, and content?"

If CNN and Fox were to merge, what would be the real alternatives of genre and scope of cable news? Would there be any? Why would such a merger, certainly not out of the realm of reality, maintain two separate channels, when full resources could be dumped into one channel and the staff reduced by 50%?

Do persons of color, or women, for instance, have the ability to become media owners since the so-called 'explosion in outlets,' as Michael Powell characterized?

I was licensed by the FCC as a "First Class Engineer" back in the 1970's. Back then, the FCC stood for fairness and diversity. It is hard to imagine that they may be throwing in the towel as a watchdog and instead, becoming a corporate lapdog.